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Ms. Susan Moore, Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605
Sacramento, CA 95825-1846

Dear Ms. Moore:

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contact Maiser Khaled, Director of Project Development and Environment, at (916) 498-5020.

Sincerely,

/s/ Maiser Khaled

For
Gene K. Fong
Division Administrator

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Mr. Mike Long, Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office
1655 Heindon Road
Arcata, CA 95521-5585

Dear Mr. Long:

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Mr. Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office
6010 Hidden Valley Road
Carlsbad, CA 92011

Dear Mr. Bartel:

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Ms. Diane Noda, Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office
2493 Portola Road, Suite B
Ventura, CA 93003-7726

Dear Ms. Noda:

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Mr. Robert D. Williams, Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1340 Financial Blvd., Suite 234
Reno, NV 89502

Dear Mr. Williams:

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